

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 208 – HB 167

February 24, 2018

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Authorizes persons 72 years of age and older to be excused from jury duty upon showing proof of age to the local jury coordinator.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (013580): Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive changes are: (1) removes the requirement that a government-issued identification be provided as proof of age; (2) requires a reason or basis for making a request for exemption be given; and (3) authorizes jury coordinators to deny an excuse if satisfactory documentation is not provided.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Potential jurors must be at least 18 years of age, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 22-1-101.
- According to 2015 United States Census Bureau population data, on average, 72 percent of county populations are between the age of 18 and 70 years of age.
- According to the Annual Statistical Report published by the Administrative Office of the Courts, the average number of jury trials conducted in criminal and circuit court was 28 per county from 2014 to 2015.
- Persons called for jury duty may already be excused from service for a variety of reasons, pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 22-1-103.
- The number of citizens 72 years of age and older who will request to be excused from jury duty and the number of jury trials that will be conducted annually in each county is unknown. Mailing of additional summons may be required to account for individuals removed from jury duty in some counties; however any fiscal impact to local governments is estimated to be not significant.

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CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Krista M. Lee". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Krista M. Lee, Executive Director

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